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8 May 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chiefs, FBIS Field Bureaus

FROM : Chief, FBIS

SUBJECT : Letter of Instruction - Part I

EDITORIAL BRANCH COMMENT

1. General

a. Supplements to the Daily Report:

1. 2 April -- Summary of Draft Program of Yugoslav League of Communists
2. 8 April -- World Radio and Press Reaction to Soviet Statement on Unilateral Suspension of Nuclear Weapons Tests
3. 10 April -- World Radio and Press Reaction to the Indonesian Crisis, No. 3
4. 21 April -- Speech by President Tito to Federal People's Assembly, April 19, 1958

b. Bureaus are again reminded of the need for prompt FYI's to headquarters concerning capabilities and plans for processing and filing important speeches and other critical material. Headquarters should also be kept informed of coordination effected in the field. A case in point was the Tito speech at the Yugoslav League of Communists meeting in Ljubljana. The London, Mediterranean, and Austrian bureaus apparently coordinated very well among themselves, but did not inform headquarters of their planned course of action. As a result, the Daily Report could make no definite plans for publication of the material and the Wire Service could not advise its consumers concerning what would be available and when.

c. Some recent FYI's concerning lengthy speeches or articles have lacked much of the information required by headquarters. As noted in the Editorial Handbook, such messages should indicate the length or duration of the item and how fully the bureau plans to process it, and give an estimated time for the completion of filing. Similar information, as appropriate, should be included in cues.

c. In virtually every case the speeches of chiefs of state or other outstanding leaders merit full processing even when they contain little that is new or startling. Experience has demonstrated that the most commonplace pronouncements frequently elicit queries concerning the inclusion or absence of specific references. It is important for the report editor to be able to answer these questions unequivocally by a scrutiny of the text. When personnel considerations, the press of more urgent materials, extremely inferior reception, together with the in-

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consequential nature of the pronouncement, argue against complete processing of a leader's speech, an FYI explaining the circumstances fully or summarizing the speech to the degree permitted by reception should be filed promptly.

e. The following rule will help avoid many awkward phrases: When used as the possessive form of a relative pronoun, "whose" may refer to things as well as to persons or animals. Example: "a country whose rainfall is abundant" is better usage than "a country the rainfall of which is abundant".

f. Several bureaus have been filing briefs with one-word headings. The standard heading for briefs consists of two words, with three permissible if required for clarity or emphasis.

g. The Technical Information Unit has revised its listings of diplomatic posts for all countries, and new cards have been sent to all recipients. Since much of the information for these changes is initially available from material monitored by field bureaus, there is a constant need for all such changes, as well as those concerning cabinet posts, in the biweekly reports filed to TIU. In recent months several bureaus have been neglectful of this standing requirement.

2. London and Mediterranean Bureaus

a. In view of the limited coverage of the Tunis home service in Arabic, it is requested that the London Bureau provide maximum coverage of Tunis in French and Tangier's "Radio Africa".

b. The Mediterranean Bureau is to be commended for its prompt processing of Syrian Evacuation Day speeches and related events which permitted publication of these items in the Daily Report the same day they occurred.

c. Mediterranean Bureau teletypists sometimes neglect to punch the figure key after spacing in tabulations. Although the machines are normally set up to stay in figures until the letter key has been punched, the subsequent sets of numerals have been arriving as letters in headquarters.

3. German Bureau

The number of briefs from voicecasts has dropped considerably. Special attention should be paid to gleaning items from these sources in addition to press scrutiny.

4. West Coast and Okinawa Bureaus

a. In filing NCNA items which have been transmitted by the agency to its special consumers in such places as Prague and New Delhi, the normal NCNA logograph should be retained and followed by a subslug on the next line, reading (SPECIAL TRANSMISSION TO/name of city/ONLY).

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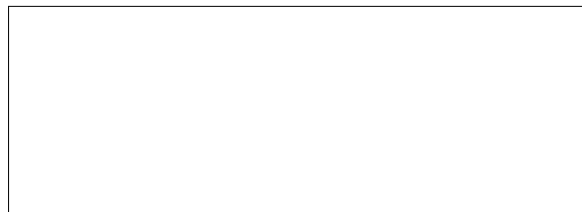
b. A check of the West Coast Bureau's file indicated that in virtually all instances European-dated items transmitted by REUTERS and AFP Far East branch offices duplicate material already provided by the East Coast Bureau. When special occasions suggest that this material might be of interest when carried by Singapore REUTERS, Manila AFP, or other sources, cues should be sent first to headquarters.

c. Editors should be constantly aware of Wire Service and Daily Report need for FYI's on the status and behavior of key radios in a rapidly changing situation, such as when opposing armed forces make conflicting claims of victory. On March 17 the wire services reported that Padang had fallen to Jakarta Government forces, but not until midday on March 18 was a message sent by Okinawa concerning Radio Padang, and that message was devoted exclusively to the frequency announcement. A more timely report, also noting reception conditions and the nature of the broadcast, would have been very useful to headquarters.

d. On several recent occasions the Okinawa Bureau omitted "Relay WA BBC" on copy intended for that consumer. Under the new communications procedure, this omission required needless rerun processes at headquarters.

FIELD SUPPORT OF THE RADIO PROPAGANDA BRANCH:

Support from field bureaus was reflected in reports on prospective changes in the Soviet collective-farm system following the reorganization of machine-tractor stations, and on the content of the new Moscow broadcasts to Africa.



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ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Employees are advised that in making application for Emergency Travel Insurance, the following certificate must be added to the application:

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2. Reference Bureau Chiefs are reminded that requests for change in residence must be forwarded through them and contain a documented justification for the change.

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3. In completing the Monthly Foreign Personnel Report, Bureaus should list foreign national Table of Organization by position and occupant and show existing vacancies.

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65,000.00	44.00	40.00
70,000.00	47.25	43.00
75,000.00	50.50	46.00
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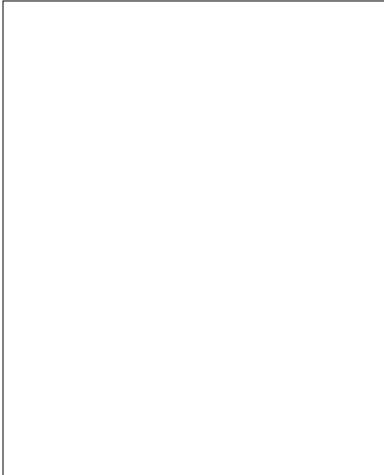
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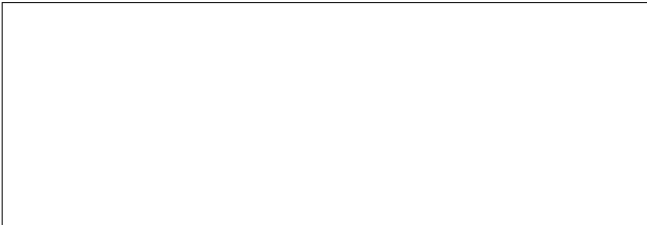
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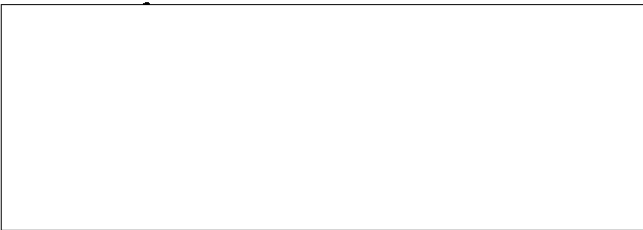
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